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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

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SUMMARY: WE DISCUSSED COLOMBO SUMMIT WITH ORJAN BERNER,
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CHIEF OF UN DIVISION IN MFA, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY COMMERCE

MINISTER LIDBOM TO MEETING. BERNER POINTED OUT THAT SINCE SWEDEN IS ATTENDING CONFERENCE ONLY AS "HONORED GUEST," IT WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN DEBATES OR EVEN IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS. HE SAID SWEDES EXPECT COLOMBO CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW GENERAL LINES OF LIMA MEETING, AND ANTICIPATE THAT NORTH KOREAN POSITION WILL BE ENDORSED. ON MID-EAST, SWEDES AGREE WITH US THAT EFFORT TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UNGA WILL NOT GET OFF GROUND, BUT EXPECT THAT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ZIONISM AS RACISM (WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A "SUBSTITUTE" FOR MORE EXTREME STEP OF EXPULSION), WILL BE APPROVED. BERNER HAD NO COMMENT ON PUERTO RICO, NOR DID HE RAISE QUESTION OF PANAMA CANAL. END SUMMARY.

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON ORJAN BERNER, CHIEF OF MFA'S UN DIVISION, TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. SWEDEN HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AS AN "HONORED GUEST," AND SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE MINISTER OF COMMERCE CARL LIDBOM, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BERNER AND THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, LENNART FINNMARK. POLCOUNS PRESENTED TALKING POINTS ON KOREAN AND PUERTO RICAN ISSUES AND ASKED BERNER FOR HIS VIEWS.

2. BERNER BEGAN HIS COMMENTS BY POINTING OUT THAT SINCE SWEDEN IS ATTENDING IN GUEST STATUS, IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE AND PROBABLY WILL NOT EVEN BE PERMITTED INTO COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (BERNER WAS MEMBER OF SWEDISH DELEGATION TO 1975 LIMA MEETING WHICH DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS.) CONTINUING, BERNER SAID SWEDEN WOULD ATTEND COLOMBO MEETING TO SYMBOLIZE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGNMENT. ON A PRACTICAL LEVEL, THE CONFERENCE OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET MOST OF THE THIRD WORLD LEADERS IN ONE PLACE. FOR THIS REASON, BERNER SAID, SWEDES WOULD REMAIN IN COLOMBO FOR 10 DAYS.

3. BERNER SAID SWEDES EXPECT COLOMBO MEETING TO FOLLOW RATHER GENERALLY PATTERN OF LIMA MEETING. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERIM WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS FAVORABLE TO THE WESTERN NATIONS (SUCH AS

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THE RECEDING INTO HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM CONFLICT) THE VICTORY OF THE MPLA IN ANGOLA AS A RESULT OF RUSSIAN/CUBAN BACKING HAS ENHANCED THE PRESTIGE OF THE COMMUNIST NATIONS VIS A VIS THE WEST.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE KOREAN ISSUE, BERNER AGREED THAT ENDORSEMENT OF THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION WOULD FURTHER COMPLICATE UNGA CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE, BUT SAID

SWEDES NEVERTHELESS EXPECT SUCH ENDORSEMENT TO TAKE PLACE. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT QUITE LIKELY THAT MANY COUNTRIES WHICH BACKED THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION AT COLOMBO WOULD NOT DO SO IN THE UNGA. BERNER POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR PREMIER KIM IL-SUNG HAD VISITED SELECTED COUNTRIES, LOBBYING FOR THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION, AND THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO, SUPPORT BY THE NAM FOR THE NORTH KOREAN LINE WAS ASSURED. BERNER CONCLUDED DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ISSUE BY NOTING THAT SWEDEN WOULD SEEK "CONSENSUS" RESOLUTION ON THIS QUESTION AT UNGA, AND, FAILING THAT, WOULD SUPPORT "FRIENDLY" RESOLUTION OF THE TYPE SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF US IN THE 30TH UNGA.

5. BERNER SAID SWEDES EXPECT THAT RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED CALLING FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UNGA, BUT AGREED WITH OUR VIEW THAT IT WOULD NOT RECEIVE SERIOUS SUPPORT. HE DOES ANTICIPATE THAT COLOMBO WILL RE-ENDORSE THE ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A KIND OF "SUBSTITUTE" FOR THE FAR MORE EXTREME STEP OF TRYING TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA. VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL HAD INTENSIFIED GENERAL ANTI-ISRAELI ATTITUDE OF NAM, HE ADDED.

6. BERNER HAD NO COMMENT ON PUERTO RICO STATUS, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED OUR POINT THAT DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO'S STATUS WOULD BE REGARDED BY US AS UNACCEPTABLE INTERVENTION INTO US INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE DID NOT RAISE PANAMA CANAL.

7. COMMENT. BERNER'S RESPONSES ON ISSUES AT COLOMBO WERE APPROPRIATELY LOW-KEY, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SWEDEN IS ATTENDING CONFERENCE ONLY AS GUEST. CHOICE OF COMMERCE MINISTER LIDBOM AS SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ERENCE IS UNFORTUNATE FROM US VIEWPOINT, SINCE LIDBOM IS AN EXTREME LEFTIST IDEOLOGUE WHO IS INCLINED TO INDULGE IN IRRESPONSIBLE, ANTI-WESTERN RHETORIC IN THE HEADY ATMOSPHERE OF NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS.
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